I.C.P.O. Bulletin

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I.C.P.O. Bulletin (25 January - 01 February 2013)
"Islands, Castles & Portable Operations"
Listing is by calendar date (day/month/year)
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25/01/2013: Once again Ash, KF5EYY, will be active from the Radio Club Station of Tunisian Scouts, Hammam Sousse, Tunisia, as 3V8BB for the CQWW 160-M CW Contest as a Single-Op entry. QSL via LX1NO, direct. Log will also be uploaded to LoTW. Website: www.kf5eyy.info/ [NG3K]

25/01/2013: Mats, SM7GIB, will be QRV from Cape Verde (AF-086). His call is D44TIB. Holyday-style operation. Mats will arrive today (23 January) and hopefully we will hear him on 25 January. He will stay on Cape Verde for two weeks. Rig is K3 and wire-vertical 160-10 metre. QSL via home call. [SM7DLK]

25/01/2013: Operators Ranko E70R, Vlado E70T, Rade E74IW, Zoran E76C, Braco E77DX will be active as a Multi-Op entry in the CQWW 160-M CW Contest from CQ zone 15 using the callsign E7DX. The team will be QRV from the E77DX QTH in Prijedor (WW Loc. JN84IX), Bosnia and Herzegovina. QSL via E77E. [NG3K]

25/01/2013: Nodir, EY8MM, will once again be active from Dushanbe, Tajikistan, during the CQWW 160-M CW Contest as a Single-Op entry from CQ zone 17. QSL via K1BV. Website: www.ey8mm.com/ [NG3K]

25/01/2013: Look for the Radiosporting Team to activate OH0Z, Riddarklint hill, Mariehamn, Fasta Aland (EU-002, WFF OHFF-037, WLOTA 1373), in the CQWW 160-M CW Contest as a Multi-Single entry from CQ zone 15. Operators will be Juha OH1JT, Ari OH5DX and Tomi OH6EI. QSL via W0MM. [NG3K]

25/01/2013: Tony, RT9T (RX9TL), will be QRV as UN/RT9T from Kazakhstan (CQ zone 17) for the CQWW 160-M CW Contest. Entry class will be a surprise. Look for Tony to be active before the contest on the HF bands. QSL via RT9T (QRZ.com). [NG3K]

25/01/2013: Imam YB4IR will be active from Batam Island, Riau Islands (IOTA OC-075), Indonesia, as YB4IR/5 from 08:00 UTC 25 January to 00:00 UTC 28 January 2013. He prefers QSLs DIRECT only, OQRS (ClubLog) and LoTW. [DXAT]

25/01/2013: Mario, S56A, will be active as a Single-Op/Low-Power entry in the CQWW 160-M CW Contest using the callsign Z6/S56A from Batlava lake, Kosovo (quiet location, CQ zone 15). QSL via home call. [NG3K]

26/01/2013: Ted, K8AQM, will be active as ZF2TA from Grand Cayman Island (NA-016, WLOTA 1042) between 26 January and 2 February 2013. QRV holiday style on 20-10 metre SSB and CW. QSL via K8AQM. [425 DX News]

29/01/2013: Members of the "Buddies in the Caribbean" suitcase mini-DXpedition group which specializes in 100 watt or less low power radios and Buddipole portable antenna systems is going to Barbados (NA-021, WLOTA 0999) and will be active between 29 January and 6 February 2013. Operators mentioned are Mike KC4VG (8P9VG), Weymouth K8EAB (8P9EA), Paul KB9AVO (8P9DG), Daniel WZ1P (8P9WZ), Budd W3FF (8P9FF), Chris W6HFP (8P9HF), Guy N7UN (8P9UN) and Steve WG0AT (8P9RT). There will be 3 villa stations during the operation on 160-10 metre CW, SSB, and RTTY or PSK. The equipment used this year will be four Elecraft KX3, two Yaesu 857-D and two Icom IC-7000 transceivers. All members will use

Buddipole portable HF/VHF antennas in both horizontal and vertical configurations at 100 watts or less. At the same time, several teams will be battery-only, field portable either from Barbados beaches or scenic mountain tops and will sign call/p. QSL via LoTW or to the operator's home call (w/SASE). [OPDX Bulletin]

01/02/2013: Steve, HA0DU and Laci, HA0NAR plan to be on an African tour to Guinea Bissau (J5) and Senegal (6V) starting February 2013 and to be active as J5NAR and 6V2R. They will start their journey in Cabrousse (South-Senegal). From there they will drive to Guinea-Bissau and expect to be on the air around February 9th. Additionally, they also plan to activate (in February) Carabane Island (AF-078) with the callsign 6V2R/p and Jeta Island, Bissagos Islands (AF-093), with J5NAR/p. On their QRZ.com page they state, "We would like to remind you that the entire trip and stay on islands is paid in full by each of the operators and that any contribution/support will help us to reduce the high logistical costs." Their PayPal account is (ha0nar[AT]hotmail.com). QSL for both J5NAR and 6V2R go to Laci, HA0NAR (direct or bureau). For details and updates, watch the Web page at: www.ha0nar.hu/ [OPDX Bulletin]

01/02/2013: Andrew, G7COD, plans to be active again as 8Q7AK from Embudu Village, Kaafu Atoll, Maldives (AS-013), for three weeks in February 2013. QSL to G7COD, via bureau or direct or eQSL. Website: www.8q7ak.freewebspace.com/ [DX World]

01/02/2013: Jean-Pierre, F6ITD, will be active from the Guadeloupe islands between 1 February and 25 March 2013 as FG/F6ITD. He plans to visit: the commune of Deshaies, Sainte-Rose 2 canton, Guadeloupe (Basse Terre) Island (NA-102, DIFO FG-019) from 1-8 February, and La Desirade Island (NA-102, DIFO FG-004, WLOTA 1121) between 9 February and 25 March. QRV on the HF bands using SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. Website: www.qrz.com/db/FGF6ITD [DX World]

01/02/2013: Sean, KX9X, is going to be at the ARRL SC State convention. During his trip he will attempt to validate Dewees Island (NA-110, USi SC042, WW Loc. FM02DU), Charleston county, South Carolina, for the U.S. islands award program. The plan is to activate the island on 1 February 2013 (1500 - 2000z) running QRP with his Yaesu 817 on both CW and SSB. Sean will be close to salt water, so chances are good that he will be reasonably loud. QSL via his home call. [USi]

01/02/2013: Nick, RW6ACM, will be active as as RI1ANP from Russian Antarctic station Progress [aka Progress II station] (AN-016, AA U-03, WAP RUS-11), Prydz Bay, Larsemann Hills, Princess Elizabeth Land, from 1 February until the end of year 2013. QSL via RN1ON, direct or bureau. [425 DX News]

01/02/2013: The Italian DXpediton Team have announced their next DXpedition will be to Burkina Faso for 15 days (all bands / all modes) between *February and March 2013, using the callsign XT1T. Team members include Alfeo I1HJT, Silvano I2YSB, Vini IK2CIO, Angelo IK2CKR, Marcello IK2DIA, Stefano IK2HKT, Angelo IK2RZP and Mac JA3USA. *actual dates to be announced. Website: www.i2ysb.com/idt/ [DX World]

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LOOKING AHEAD -

01/02/2013: Fred PA0FAW - (ISWL Member PA-11092, FISTS #9858), will be operating with the special callsign PF100ZOO from 1st to 28th February 2013, to commemorate the 100 Year Anniversary of the Arnhem Zoo, which is very well known. (Official name is Burgers Zoo). Operations will mainly be CW and SSB, with some Digital modes. Fred will once again be QRV from the De Hoge Veluwe

National Park (WFF PAFF-005) and from Locator squares: JO21WX, JO22VA and JO32AA. QSL via PA0FAW - via bureau, direct, and eQSL.cc. (NO LoTW). SWL reports are always welcome and appreciated. See: www.qrz.com/db/PA0FAW [Pete at the DX-Newsdesk]

02/02/2013: Bob, W7YAQ (ex-ZK3YA), plans activity from both Fiji and Rotuma between 2-21 February 2013. 3D2NB - Nadi, Viti Levu Island (OC-016, WLOTA 0055), Fiji from 2-7 February. 3D2RX - Rotuma (OC-060) from 8-21 February. QSL via W7YAQ. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW shortly after his return to the US. No online log. [DX World]

10/02/2013: Look for Elena, RC5A, to be active from Ecuador as HC2/RC5A between 10 February and 9 March 2013. This will include a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry in the ARRL DX CW Contest (16-17 February). Outside the contest Elena will be QRV on 160-6 metres, including the WARC bands, using SSB and CW. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

15/02/2013: From 15-18 January 2013, operators Olof G0CKV, Kazu JK3GAD, Seppo OH1VR and Oliver W6NV will be active as M5E from Marconi's historical trans-Atlantic test site, Cornwall, England (EU-005, WLOTA 1841). QRV on all HF bands and modes. Commemorative QSL for ARRL DX CW Contest contacts! QSL manager will be Olof, G0CKV. [NG3K]

16/02/2013: Yuri, N2TTA, will once again be signing KP2MM in the ARRL DX CW Contest (16-17 February), from Christiansted, island of St. Croix (NA-106, USi VI002S, WLOTA 2477) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via LoTW. Also QSL N2TTA direct only. [NG3K]

20/02/2013: Tom, N1GN and Bill, NE1B will once again be active as C6ANM from Nassau (Gambier Village), New Providence Island (NA-001, WLOTA 1115, WW Loc. FL15GB), Bahamas, between 20 February and 3 March. They will participate in the CQWW 160-M SSB Contest (22-24 February) as a Multi-Single entry from CQ zone 8. Operations all bands and modes before contest. They will then be joined by Mike, N1IW and Paul, K1VK for a Multi-Multi entry in the ARRL DX SSB Contest (2-3 March). Operations all bands and modes before contest. QSL C6ANM via LoTW preferred, or direct to WA2IYO. [NG3K]

04/04/2013: Nobby, G0VJG, will be active as S79VJG from the Chalets Anse Forbans, island of Mahe (WLOTA 3286, WW Loc. LI75SF), Seychelle inner islands (AF-024) between 4-16 April 2013. He will be using SSB only on the HF bands with FT897, 400W amplifier and verticals on the beach. Nobby can only operate under 7.100 MHz, so he will operate split and listen up for North America around 7.258 MHz. QSL only via G4DFI, direct only. [NG3K]

27/04/2013: Members of the Charente DX Group (www.frag33.org/www.cdxg.org/) will be active as TM0SI from Sein Island (EU-068, DIFM AT007, WLOTA 2721) between 27 April and 4 May 2013. QRV on all bands and modes. QSL via F5EOT. [DX World]

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SPECIAL EVENTS -

01/02/2013: Leo, IW5EFX, will be active as IO5SP ("South Pole" WAP-234) during the entire month of February 2013 and 10th AAW - Antarctic Activity Week (18-24 February). A special QSL will be sent 100% via the bureau. Website: www.qrz.com/db/IO5SP [OPDX Bulletin]

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01/02/2013: The TC Special Wireless Activity Team will be active as TC1BW from 1-28 February 2013 in memoriam of TA1BW-SK As,il Feri. All of the QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau. Website: www.tcswat.org/ [TCSWAT]

U.S.A. Special Events can be found at: www.arrl.org/special-event-stations

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LIGHTHOUSE CALENDAR -

25/01-27/01 CR2W: Ilha das Flores WLOTA:0947 QSL HB9CRV (d/B)
25/01-27/01 OH0Z: Aaland (main island) WLOTA:1373 QSL W0MM (d/B)
26/01-02/02 ZF2TA: Grand Cayman Island WLOTA:1042 QSL K8AQM (d)
26/01-27/01 W1AW/KP4: Puerto Rico Island WLOTA:2802 QSL H/c (d)
27/01-08/02 CR2V: Ilha das Flores WLOTA:0947 QSL HB9CRV (d/B)
29/01-06/02 8P9DG: Barbados Island WLOTA:0999 QSL KB9AVO (d)
29/01-06/02 8P9EA: Barbados Island WLOTA:0999 QSL K8EAB (d)
29/01-06/02 8P9FF: Barbados Island WLOTA:0999 QSL W3FF (d)
29/01-06/02 8P9HF: Barbados Island WLOTA:0999 QSL W6HFP (d)
29/01-06/02 8P9RT: Barbados Island WLOTA:0999 QSL WG0AT (d)
29/01-06/02 8P9UN: Barbados Island WLOTA:0999 QSL N7UN (d)
29/01-06/02 8P9VG: Barbados Island WLOTA:0999 QSL KC4VG (d)
29/01-06/02 8P9WZ: Barbados Island WLOTA:0999 QSL WZ1P (d)

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6 METRES & UP -

FLOWA YAGI - one year on -
Last year Derek Hilleard G4CQM reported on his latest innovation the FLOWA YAGI. One year on, there has been much progress with a large range of designs now available for the VHF/UHF bands.
Also, hams across the globe have been home-brewing Derek's FLOWA's with great success.
A follow on from the FLOWA is Derek's LOW Q LONG YAGIS.
Catch up with YAGI DESIGNS BY G4CQM at: g4cqm.www.idnet.com/ [Southgate ARC]

26/01 WSJT Group Winter Sprint 50-222MHz 0100z-0500z
26/01-27/01 SPAR Winter Field Day 6m-UHF/all modes 26 1700z-27 1700z
26/01-27/01 VE3COLD: SPAR Winter Field Day Grid:EN93QM 6m SSB QSL VE3ZUP (d)
27/01-28/01 Classic Exchange 6m/2m CW 50.100MHz 144.100MHz 27 1400z-28 0800z
29/01 RSGB 70MHz UKAC SO Fixed/Open 2000z-2230z

Contest Calendar: www.qsl.net/va3rj/con_jan.html

GOT6??? - Six Meter Information by Andy 'NEON' Sargent N8OFS at:
http://noars.net/got6/GOT6.txt (Updated: 23 January 2013)

Information about current VHF activities can be found on the VHF DX portal "Make More Miles on VHF" at: www.MMMonVHF.de/

SMIRK: www.smirk.org/
SOTA (Summits On The Air) Watch Alerts at: www.sotawatch.org/

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QSL INFO -

The following operations are approved for DXCC credit:

5V7TH - Togo
2012 Operation

S07EA - Western Sahara
2006-2007 Operation

XW4XR - Laos
Current Operations

XWPA - Laos
2010 - 2011 Operation

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Bill Moore NC1L
Awards Branch Manager

QSLs via Bureau: 4O9A, 4Z4DX, 9G5SG, C21HA, C37N, CT5/DJ4UF, DF0MI, DL0YLN, DL6SAK, DM2MB, DM50UEA, DM800ANH, DO6YL, EM2012GG, F/DJ2VO, F5JNE/p, F9IE/VK3/p, F/DJ2VO, G3ZGC, G4MZL, GM4FDM, HB0/I2AE, HB9ERU, IB0/IQ6LN, JA3BRI, JA4FHE, JS3CTQ, MU/EA1SA, MU0FAL, P4/W1HEO, PJ2/DL5RDP, PY4RGS, T70A, TC4X, TK12IOTA, V55V, VP9/K1XM and ZA/HA5X.

QSLs via Direct: 4L4WW (EA7FTR), 5N7M (OM3CGN), 5V7TH (ON4CIT), 5W0RK (VK4VB), 9Y4/DL7VOG (OQRS), BY1CQ/2 [AS-158] (H/c), EA9UG (QRZ.com), EY7AD (QRZ.com), HB0/HB9LCW (H/c), J79WE (DL8WEN), JD1BLY (JI5RPT), NH8S (AA4NN), PJ7XK (7L4XDT), SU9VB (UA4WHX), T77C (QRZ.com), TO3R (RW3RN), RI0K [AS-061] (QRZ.com), TI8M (TI2KAC), UK8LA (RW3RN), VK0TH (VK8TH), VK9/OH1VR (H/c), VP2MDG (K2DM), VR2XMT (QRZ.com) and Z21HS (VK4VB).

QSLs via LoTW: 3D2C, 4L8A, 5V7TH, 8P5A, AA4VV, AA7V, C6AQQ, C6AUM, CP4BT, CW5W, D4C, EA8/DL3KVR, F6KPQ/P, FY5KE, G3XTT, GM5X, GU4YOX, HK1NA, HK1R, IO5O, J75Z, JH1MDJ, K0EJ, K0HA, K6NR, K7QQ, K7WP, K7XC, KA6BIM, KE1F, KH6CW, KH6LC, KH7M, KH7X, KL7RA, KN7K, KN7T, KP2MM, KR4F, KU6J, LP1H, LS1D, N4WW, N7CW, N7WA, NP4G, NX6T, OA4SS, P40F, P40W, P49Y, PA1AW, PJ2T, PJ4A, PJ4X, PV8ADI, PW7T, RU0FM, SK3W, T40C, TF4X, TM6M, V26K, V73CW, VE2EKA, VE3EJ, VE3YAA, VE7JH, VP2V/AA7V, VP5T, VP8KF, VQ9LA, W5MK, W6YI, W7MEM, W7PU, W7VJ, W9RE, WB9Z, XE2X, XR3A, YT9A, YU6AO, ZF1A and ZS4TX.
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LINKS -
IOTA (Islands On The Air) at: www.rsgbiota.org/
USi (U.S. Islands Award Program) at: www.usislands.org/
VEFF - Canada Flora & Fauna at: www.qsl.net/va3rj/
VEFF Forum at: groups.yahoo.com/group/VEFF/
WCA (World Castles on the Air) at: www.wcagroup.org/ENG/wcag.html
WWFF (World-Wide Flora & Fauna) at: ww-ff.blogspot.nl/
WLOTA (World Lighthouses On The Air at: www.wlota.com/
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BITS & PIECES -

6V7S - Senegal
Vlad RK4FF plans activity from Le Calao Resort, Thies region, Senegal, as 6V7S during the following dates in 2013:
* February 11 to April 3.
* May 13 to May 30.
* July 1 to July 16.
* October 22 to November 27.
QRV on HF bands. QSL via home call, direct only. [DX World]

Antarctic Challenge & Arctic Challenge -

The Antarctic Challenge & Arctic Challenge program is now free of charge, so it is possible to take part without any contribution.

A new downloadable application form is avalaible. It is an automated version very easy to handle. You just have to type your QSOs, then click on the blue flag to sort the lines country by country (macros must be activated).
http://www.french-polar-team.fr/Antarctic_Challenge_goal&rules.php

The old versions will not be accepted and your list can be sent until January 31th 2013 in order to be published online at mid February.

73 Michel F6DWQ & Mehdi F5PFP. [F5PFP]

AX prefix on Australia's national day

The Australian Communications and Media Authority automatically allows radio amateurs to substitute their normal VK callsign prefix with the letters AX every Australia Day, which is Saturday January 26.

This gives them a chance to be part of the national day around the country which commemorates the first settlement at Port Jackson, now part of Sydney, in 1788.

Many will celebrate the day with a variety of events and night fireworks, a few receive a well deserved Australia Day honour, or become a new citizen.

Those radio amateurs using AX are strongly encouraged to have a QSL card under their alternate callsign, which is also automatically available on ANZAC Day April 25, and World Telecommunication Day May 17.

The ACMA, on the recommendation of the Wireless Institute of Australia, may also issue special event callsigns with the AX prefix on occasions of special national or international significance.

This occurred during the Sydney 2000 Olympics and saw AX3GAMES and AX3MCG issued for the Melbourne Commwealth Games in 2006.

Jim Linton VK3PC [Southgate ARC]

Djerba Island DXpedition -
With the collaboration of the Associatio Radio Amaterurs Tunisiens, I am organize 2nd great Dxpedition to Djerba, like TS8P in the year 2010: (QRZ.com).
Date: one week of April or May 2013.
Refer.: IOTA AF-083, WFF 3VFF-007, lighthouse WLOTA L-1394 & ARLHS TUN-022.
The period will be during one week of April or May 2013.
I believe that the multioperator call will be TS8IT, TS8TI, TS8DJ, 3V8D, 3V8TI.
Freq.: HF - WARC - Modes: SSB - PSK31 - RTTY - CW. (AMTOR).
Team: IK7JWX Alfredo (team leader), IK2DUW Antonello (QSL manager), IW2NLC Rosy (YL), IS0AGY Ampelio, IK8TEM Ferruccio, I8LWL Leopoldo, IK8GQY Titti (YL) + 3 op. CW > ON4ON, ON5SY and ON7PQ.
I am waiting for the confirm by: I2JJR Augusto - Dario IT9SSI.
We search sponsors and contributors.
73s de Alfredo IK7JWX - team leader [DE0MST]
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73 and Good DX!
Dave Raycroft, VA3RJ
Home of I.C.P.O. & VEFF Program: http://www.qsl.net/va3rj/
DX Calendar - Contest Calendar - Lighthouse Activity & much more

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World Lighthouses On The Air - WLOTA
www.wlota.com/
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All Croatian Islands Award - ACIA
All Croatian Islands Award Group - ACIAG
The World Lighthouse Diplom - TWLHD/TWLHF
www.9a7k.com/
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Official Representative & Co-Ordinator of WCA program for Canada.
www.wcagroup.org/ENG/main.html
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Official Representative & Co-Ordinator of WorldWide Flora & Fauna (WWFF) Canada.
WWFF committee council member.
http://ww-ff.blogspot.nl/
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